

Fellowship in Prayer



"For a world united in prayer"

"O God, remind us that a nation can never be greater than its individual citizens, and that no citizen can be a good citizen unless he puts first things first. We pray that in the life of our country, in its freedom, its education, its care for those in need, its emphasis on moral worth, Thy hand may ever lead. Amen."

OUR PURPOSE

“ To promote the practice of prayer among *all* religious faiths whose fundamental belief is in God, regardless of race, creed, or color, and whose tenets include the universal attributes of truth honesty, justice and mercy, that thereby there may arise a closer relation to Almighty God and a deeper spirit of fellowship among mankind.”

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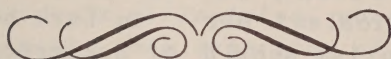
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PATRIOTISM



LOVE OF HOMELAND

IT SHOULD BE the work of a genuine and noble patriotism to raise the life of the nation to the level of its privileges;

to harmonize its general practice with its abstract principles;

to reduce to actual facts the ideals of its institutions;

to elevate instruction into knowledge and wisdom complete in righteousness;

and to make the love of country perfect in the love of man.

--Henry Giles.



TRUE PATRIOTISM

By Carl Holmes

Among all loyalties, patriotism has unique importance. Approaching even religion in strength and general acceptance, it affects the attitudes of everyone toward local, national, and world problems. Our concept of patriotism should develop as we become more mature.

Patriotism is a word that has been badly abused. It is more than just marching behind a band, flag-waving, a flash of fireworks on one day of the year, political speeches, maudlin sentiment, a gaudy display of nationalism, or frenzied bursts of emotion.

Patriotism is not merely a matter of ceremony, but of loving one's country and making sacrifices for it if need be; respecting its traditions and honoring its people, high, low, rich, or poor.

True patriotism is the sum of the three cardinal virtues: faith, hope and charity.

First, patriotism calls for faith in the principles of our government. This means an understanding of the principles and institutions upon which our democratic form of government rests and upholding them without favor or prejudice. It means faith in the "old home town" and pride in our

native state and country.

Second, patriotism is a keen sense of collective responsibility. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.

To have hope in the future of democracy is to appreciate the basic responsibilities of the individual, and to have confidence in his willingness and ability to measure up to his citizenship. It means a feeling of kinship with those who toil for a daily wage in field, shop, or market place.

Third, there can be no love of country where there is hate or distrust of one another. Charity toward all and malice toward none is the spirit of true patriotism. It is the spirit that makes us want to be of real help to our neighbors when they are in distress or meet with reverses and to extend our sympathy when they are stricken.

Finally, patriotism means the establishment of justice under the law; standing firm for the common good, protecting the individual and his high standards; sacrificing self if need be for the peace and well-being of all, and standing unafraid against all opposition.

True patriotism includes a

spirit of helpfulness toward all nations. first in world patriotism. His statement, which follows,

Rev. G. Ashton Oldham believes that America should be of us: should be a challenge to all of us:

*"America first, not merely in matters material
But in things of the spirit.
Not merely in science, invention, motors and
skyscrapers
But also in ideals, principles, character.
Not merely in the calm assertion of rights,
But in the glad assumption of duties.
Not flaunting her strength as a giant,
But bending in helpfulness over a sick and
wounded world like a good Samaritan.
Not in splendid isolation
But in courageous cooperation.
Not in pride, arrogance and disdain of other
races and peoples,
But in sympathy, love and understanding.
Not in treading again the old, worn, bloody
pathway which ends inevitably in chaos
and disaster,
But in blazing a new trail along which, please
God, other nations will follow into the new
Jerusalem, where wars shall be no more.*

*Some day, some nation must take that path—
Unless we are to lapse once again into utter
barbarism.
And that honor I covet for my beloved America,
And so, in that spirit, and with these hopes,
I say with all my heart and soul,
America first."*



"The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb."

-- J. Edgar Hoover.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD vs NATIONAL PATRIOTISM

By Harry Halsey Starrett

National Patriotism is a noble quality but Universal Brotherhood is a Christian virtue. To love one's country is commendable, but to love God and to love all men as our brothers is the fulfillment of The Law.

Awakening to the great *TRUTH* that all life is One; that this One Life is centered in God; that this One Life *IS* God; that God is *ALL* in all; that all men are brothers; all children of the same Father, "in Whom we live and move and have our being and whence cometh all our help," marks man's rebirth, out of illusion into *REALITY*.

The barriers which separate nation from nation, segregating all the peoples of the earth into limited, selfish communities, are not a part of the Divine Plan but are, rather, the conception and creation of man's finite mind. All this is brought about through man's disobedience to God's command— "ye cannot serve God and mammon. Man has, through misuse of his God-given free-will, dethroned God and enthroned mammon. Mam-

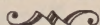
mon rules the world today. When people segregate themselves into national groups, they engender jealousy, jealousy breeds hatred, and hatred leads to war. *SEPARATENESS IS THE CAUSE OF WAR. UNITY IS THE ONLY WAY TO PEACE.*

Only through surrender of his finite mind to Infinite Mind can man be reunited with God, and it is only through union with God that these walls which man has erected, separating nation from nation, can be dissolved away permitting all the peoples of the earth to flow into one grand fellowship, to dwell together, under one God, in unity, peace, good-will, and joy unspeakable, as it was conceived in and born out of Universal Mind.

Unceasing prayer with perfect faith plus good works is the way and the only way to this sublime estate. Brotherhood is man's national, fundamental, and highest estate.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

AN OLD FAVORITE



Patriotism

By Sir Walter Scott

BREATHES there the man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
"This is my own, my native land!"
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd
As home his footsteps he hath turned
From wandering on a foreign strand?
If such there breathe, go, mark him well!
For him no minstrel raptures swell:
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim—
Despite those titles, power and pelf,
The wretch, concentered all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust from whence he sprung
Unwept, unhonor'd and unsung.

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P R A Y E R:

O God of Grace and God of Glory, when we resent having so many choices to make, may we remember that good character is the habit of choosing right from wrong.

Help us as a nation to see that our strongest defense lies back in home and school and church where is built the character that gives free people the power to win their freedom and to hold it. May we never forget that it is only under God that this Nation or any nation can be free.

And when we have learned well this lesson, then shall we have for export more than money, even the faith and idealism for which all who love liberty will be willing to live. Amen.

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WORLD PATRIOTISM

By W. J. Thompson

To some people this title, "World Patriotism" is a contradiction in terms. They point to the dictionary definition of patriotism — "Love of one's country" — but how very grateful we should be to that great multitude of men, women, and youth whose love of country continues to reach out until it enfolds the world!

Indeed it is an intelligent devotion to our own country that undergirds our growing knowledge and ever-widening appreciation of our brethren throughout the world.

In the first Book of the Bible I find these words — "They went both of them together." (*Genesis 22:6*) These six words are taken from a story of long ago. The world has changed in many ways since those far-off days. Science and invention have revolutionized our ways of living as compared with the primitive surroundings of our forefathers. Yet in spite of life's many changes, some things continue as part of the basic experience of humanity in all ages. We find many things joined together in a wonderful relationship, as the new and the old are blended. "They went both of them together." A tree may be old—but the leaf on the

tree is new, and you could not have the new leaf but for the old tree!

Music is old — and the seven old notes have come down to us through the centuries — yet new songs are being composed today based on the old notes.

Time is old — ancient as creation — yet this morning is gloriously new.

Humanity is old — stretching away back to the beginning of the human race, but the baby next door is delightfully new!

The old and the new—and in world patriotism the old and the new are blended.

One writes, "When God sends sunshine He does not need human help. When God sends rain He does not ask man's assistance. But when God seeks to uplift and encourage people, He delights to use a man or a woman."

It was the poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, who wrote:

*"If there be some weaker one—
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be
Let me guide him nearer Thee!"*

In this matter of "World Patriotism" sometimes the simplest service gives wonderful benefits.

Arden M. Rockwood has a

poem called—

" HE WAVED HIS HAND"

" We met upon a lonely road;
He drove a truck, I walked;
He waved his hand, and I waved mine,
But neither of us talked.

And yet a message came to me,
And I sent one to him.
That wave fanned up a wave of love
Which had been growing dim.

We probably shall never meet
In any other way;
But what a sense of kinship came
Between us two that day!"

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The truck driver could have been a native of a far off land, and the pedestrian could have been a famous American, but that waving of hands to each other was a mutual demonstration of goodwill that left a warm feeling in the hearts of both participants.

In this matter of "World Patriotism" it is helpful to note how this country - the United States of America - is greatly indebted to those who came to us from many different countries.

Many years ago, Dr. George A. Gordon, formerly minister of the Old South Church, Boston, Massachusetts, himself a naturalized citizen, said to me:

" America is often refer-

red to as 'the land of opportunity'. Talent not used elsewhere is here encouraged to develop into power and usefulness; and we receive wonderful blessing in return."

The man who produced the green of the American bank-note was an Armenian immigrant. The Juvenile Court was conceived by a Scandinavian. A Dutch scientist, in the University of Pennsylvania, invented motion pictures. A native of Denmark, Jacob Riis, was called by President Theodore Roosevelt "the most useful citizen of New York." A German engineered the building of the Panama Canal; and one of the outstanding leaders in medical research here in the United States is a

Jew. A world famous X-ray expert is an Armenian; and an Italian has taken a leading part in the White Plague Campaign.

Much of the thrilling skyline of New York City is due to the genius of a Polish immigrant.

A Russian Jewess, a Syrian youth, an immigrant from Austria Hungary, a leading Scottish preacher, and a native of Holland—all have written outstanding books in American literature.

A Filipino boy entered a national essay contest here, and competing against thousands of white boys and girls, won the second prize of over a thousand dollars.

Mental ability is not confined to any particular race, and spiritual power is open

to every nation on earth.

We live in a world where a thousand invisible cords tie us together, for better or worse, for richer or poorer. Life influences life and soul speaks to soul. An isolated life is unnatural. God made us to stand together. We all need each other.

*As our material life is planned
That even the loneliest must stand
Dependent on another's hand—*

*So links more subtle and more fine
Bind every other soul to thine
In one great Brotherhood Divine!*

This is why we advocate World Patriotism — because of our common needs, our mutual service, and our united devotion to God and man!

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No man liveth unto himself . . . We are all parts of one another . . . God hath made of one blood all nations that dwell upon the face of the earth. (Bible).

All creatures are members of the one family of God. (Quran).

Human beings, all, are as head, arms, trunk, and legs unto one another. (Véda)

A Meditation—

“Never look back! Never look back!”

A philosophy I always lack,
How tight and closed a mind must be,
Or is that the way to journey / free?
There comes a day / a day so sure /
When the soul longs, longs to be pure.

To start again // all fresh and bright
With nothing betwixt it and the Light;
To start again // (Oh foolish thought,
To do all things as one truly ought).

But how would I know anymore than then
Unless I'd suffered these things I ken.
Yet that is the way / ah yes, the way /
Self-sacrifice. For this I pray.

To find the Way, the Truth, the Life
One must go back into all the strife
To cleanse the soul and leave behind
(No matter the cost to the heart and mind)
All things of the past // and clearly face
The better way of running the race.

Thy will // not mine. Pray God I see
The here and now of Eternity.

-- Rachael Pankow.



“My country is the world, and my religion is to do good.”

— Thos. Paine.

"TAKE MY HANDS"

If there exists, in any church service, a ritual for the Dedication of Hands, I am unaware of it. Certainly there is no such office in the Book of Common Prayer. Yet what an invitation this presents to some great litur-

gist or committee of liturgists.

Nor are there, I believe, any great hymns on the subject of *HANDS* and their consecration, though I have taken my title from Frances Ridley Havergal's "Take my Life".

*Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.*

Consider how many people in how many walks of life might wish to avail themselves of this service of dedication; a surgeon, for example, or the humblest nurse; builders, gardeners, aviators, pianists, artists—where should we draw the line?

I, as a writer, would heartily welcome any benediction causing the pen to be guided more truly, more to the glory

of God. It was with this in mind that I wrote the following metrical petition. Would that it were good enough to include in the kind of service proposed; but at least the sentiments may induce some Fellowship in Prayer reader to do better, not necessarily in verse, but in a prose approximating the grace, directness and sheer propriety of the old collects.

*Thou Master Mind of every craft
Confirm my feeble hands,
Teach them obedience to the lore
Thy love commands.*

*By all Thy wounds, let them forbear
Ever to count the price;
Let the sole joy be theirs to share
Love's sacrifice.*

*Thou whose reanimating touch
Gave stricken bodies weal,
Grant me a measure of Thy grace
To save and to heal.*

*In Thy great Hand my own I place
To draw upon its power;
When lips lack words, O then accept
My labor as prayer.*

-- A. E. Johnson.

PATRIOTISM

Most nations have an autumn festival related to the harvest. In many countries this becomes a season of thanksgiving, with special emphasis on a national theme, or patriotism.

The general theme of this issue, as you will have noted, is Patriotism.

What is patriotism? Webster defines it as love of country, and Voltaire adds, "How dear is fatherland to all noble hearts."

An impulse to rise instantly to our feet when we hear the national anthem, a quickening in our blood when we see our flag aloft, a great surge of pride when we think of the might and power, the wealth and beauty of our land—all this is part of patriotism. But it is not all. Devotion to the welfare of our country is by definition also a part, and calls for further definition.

The welfare of a country cannot be separated from the welfare of the individuals in the country. The four freedoms have meaning and significance only as they reach into the life of every citizen. In its

deepest and truest sense love of country becomes love of man, with a special concern for the welfare of those nearest to us, our fellow countrymen.

Not only is the welfare of a country tied up with the welfare of all the citizens but responsibility for promoting national welfare is also the concern of every individual. The historian, David Hume, has said that ultimately every nation gets the government it demands. So, too, every nation owes its well-being, not alone to its government, but to the efforts of all its citizens.

What does that mean for us who believe in the power of prayer? Each one has a responsibility for the welfare of his country, but many of us feel that our individual efforts are too weak and small to have any effect. Unaided our efforts may be futile, but with God's power behind us, they become a mighty force. A nation through prayer can be the most powerful in the world—powerful for the good of all.

A truly patriotic citizen, one devoted to the welfare of his country, is also a praying citizen.

HYMN OF PATRIOTISM FOR ALL CREEDS

by

M. Willard Lampe

Tune, "America"

The thought is based on Micah 6:8

God of our history,
Our fathers worshipped Thee
With one accord.
They were from many lands,
Of many creeds and clans,
But Thee, with lifted hands,
They all adored!

God of the present hour,
Send forth Thy saving power
In this our day:
Grant us the grace to see,
In our diversity,
Thy bond of unity—
Father, we pray.

Blend Thou our liberty
With true fraternity
The World around,
Till every land be free
To trust not only Thee
But all humanity,
And peace abound.

God of our destiny,
Be this old litany
Our staff and rod:
"Do justly" while we may,
"Love mercy" day by day,
"Walk humbly" all the way
With Thee our God!

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PRAYER AND HATE

By Roy Wallace Thomas

After World War II was well underway, the daily and weekly press placed in the hands of every citizen in our nation the following message of hate which Lieutenant General McNair had broadcast to all United States troops:

"We must hate with every fibre of our being. We must lust for battle; our object in life must be to kill. . . There need be no pangs of conscience, for our enemies have lighted the way to faster, surer, crueller killing." (*Time*, November 23, 1942.)

Thus in military psychology survival requires that we first get down in the gutter of hate with the enemy. In our sacrifice of conscience a totalitarian enemy wins his first battle. Since the aim of war is to kill and destroy, and involves the surrender of humaneness, war psychology is the opposite of that necessary for peace.

When the war ends and the military can say that the enemy is defeated, the greatest of all victories is yet to be won if the war is not to be lost and peace be achieved. Hate is destructive, never creative. Peace is a creation, the combined achievement of what is highest in

men, not lowest. The lust to kill is the basest of all impulses. In order to achieve real peace, hate must be replaced by intelligent goodwill. History is full of instances where the persistent practice of goodwill and understanding by the peoples and leaders on both sides of a given conflict would have prevented many a war.

The first step toward permanent world-wide peace is the elimination of hate. The logical and horrible consummation of hate and blind greed for power is dramatically portrayed in George Orwell's satiric novel, *Nineteen Eighty-four*, a realistic analysis and exposure of totalitarianism. He pictures a society only a generation away in which every normal instinct is suppressed or perverted, all values of justice and decency destroyed or reversed, and where the inhuman leaders effect the worst possible tyranny by cruel tortures of body and mind on all who rebel in action or thought.

The three slogans of the Party in control are: "War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength." Instead of love and brotherhood there is the rule of hate.

Once a year a hate week is observed by the singing of hymns of hate. One of the techniques for brutalizing the people is to force groups to sit before telescreen programs and practice two minute hate periods. This incitement stirs hate to a frenzy. The mob spirit induced makes it impossible for any one to avoid joining in. In each person rages the desire to kill, to torture, to smash faces with a hammer.

The saddest thing about Orwell's book is: he "points the path towards which society may now be heading because every single horrible feature of this world of 1984 is present in embryo in our world of today." We have only to let these tendencies grow, like a malignant cancer.

A scrutiny of the world situation finds alarming trends. We already know how benign peoples can be tricked by a Stalin, a Hitler, or a Mussolini. In the communist world hate is fostered as an essential motive. In South Africa thousands are practicing hate in a manner so virulent as to set the whole of Africa against the whites in a savage thirst for vengeance, biding the time. The race issue in our own country is crucial because it gives occasion for tens of thousands to exercise hate. Nothing is so blind or irresponsible as

hate. At this very moment the newspapers around the world, with high glee in Russia, carry the photograph of armed troops holding back a handful of young Negroes from entering a public high school in this allegedly "home of the free."

The hate vendors are too stupid to weigh, in the light of historical trends, the significance of the fact that some three fourths of the population of the world are colored, whether brown or yellow or black. The white peoples are a minority. Inordinate race prejudice is certain to backfire. Unless the now dominant white races eliminate hate and cruelty and work incessantly to establish justice throughout the world, the coming century could suffer the bloodiest war this earth has known, with the colored races ascendant. Then, if history repeats itself, the whites may learn what it means to be subservient to the hate they have taught the colored peoples to practice. If the whites cannot rid themselves of hate and brutality, can they expect the brown, the yellow, and the black races to do so?

The way out is the universal practice of intelligent goodwill. Intelligence is not good and goodwill is not intelligent unless they work to cre-

ate world-wide justice. This task is enormous and requires the help of God. It means that all men must pray as they never have prayed before. They must stop using prayer as an escape from responsibility by

praying as if the responsibility were all God's. Prayer fails unless it removes the poison of hate from the heart of a man and sets him firmly on the side of the God of all races of mankind.

A HUMAN CHAIN

by

W. J. Thompson

Years ago, when the Canadian Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, were burning, the main switch which controlled the lights in the building was turned off by mistake, and the whole place was plunged into darkness! This added greatly to the danger of the disaster. The switch was down a long corridor through which the smoke was rolling, and it seemed impossible for anyone to make the journey there, and return alive! Facing this dramatic situation - with smoke and fire around them - the people gathered together in the darkness and formed a "Human Chain" by holding each other's hands - so that the one who went a-

head felt the sustaining power of the one behind him. If the man in front stumbled, the man behind helped him to his feet, and encouraged him to go on. In this way the vital light switch was reached, the lights turned on, and many lives saved!

Over the world today roll billows of race hatred, and the thick smoke of misunderstanding handicaps the nations. There is a switch called "Friendliness" that will help to make things much clearer and safer if we can get to it. But the smoke of prejudice blinds us, while the fire of destruction creeps nearer!

In God's name, let us join hands in a "Human Chain" of *PRAYER*—and thus reach out to turn on the light of friendship throughout the world!

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THE POWER OF THOUGHT

If you desire with all your heart friendship with every race on earth, your thought, spiritual and positive, will spread; it will become the desire of others, growing stronger and stronger.

— *Baha'i Writings.*

VOICE OF THE DOVE

"Where did you get your eyes, my dove,
From amber beds where water heaves?"

"Child, they're but warmed with the fires of love,
Under your eaves."

"Your sweet moaning voice; did you find, my dove,
Where murmuring deeps my soul bereave?"

"It is the depth of my heart you've heard
Under your eaves."

"Did you learn your flight from the seabird's wing
To escape for a season things that grieve?"

"Child, these are pinions to bring me to rest
Under your eaves."

"The spirit of Peace is your own, my dove,
Distilled from the forest's whispering leaves."

"Nay, I have found and cherished this wealth
Under your eaves!"

-- Irene Hulbert.

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P R A Y E R:

"O GOD, in whom the many generations of mankind live and move and have their being: We remember with gratitude all those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country. May no forgetfulness of ours make them to have perished as though they had never been. To the end that these dead shall not have died in vain may we receive with fit humility the fruits of their sacrifice, and carry on to further fulfilment their dearest hopes for this their land and ours."

-- Willard L. Sperry

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PRAYER: WANDERING THOUGHTS

If we feel our spirits apt to wander in our prayers, and to retire into the world or to things unprofitable or vain and impertinent, use prayer to be assisted in prayer, pray for the spirit of supplication, for a sober, fixed and recollected spirit; and when to this you add a moral industry to be steady in your thoughts, whatsoever wanderings after this do return irremediably are a misery of nature and an imperfection, but no sin, while it is not cherished and indulged to. In private, it is not amiss to attempt the cure by reducing your prayers into collects and short forms of prayer, making voluntary interruptions and beginning again, that the want of spirit and breath may be supplied by the short stages and periods. When you have observed any considerable wandering of your thoughts, bind yourself to repeat that prayer again with actual attention, or else resolve the dull sense of it in your spirit, and repeat it in all the effect and desires of it, and possibly the tempter may be driven away with his own art, and may cease to interpose his trifles, when he perceives they do but vex the person into carefulness and piety, and yet he loses nothing of his devotion, but doubles the earnestness of his care. If this be not reasonable or opportune or apt to any man's circumstances, yet be sure with actual attention to say a hearty Amen to the whole prayer with one united desire, earnestly begging the graces mentioned in the prayer, for that desire does the great work of the prayer, and secures the blessing, if the wandering thoughts were against our will, and disclaimed by contending against them. Avoid multiplicity of business of the world; and in those that are unavoidable, labour for an evenness and tranquillity of spirit, that you may be untroubled and smooth in all tempests of fortune; for so we shall better tend religion, when we are not torn in pieces with the cares of the world, and seized upon with low affections, passions and interest. It helps much to attention in our prayers if we say our prayers silently, without the voice, only by the spirit. For in mental prayer if our thoughts wander, we only stand still; when our mind returns we go on again; there is none of the prayer lost, as there is if our mouths speak and

our hearts wander. To incite you to the use of these and any other counsels you shall meet with, remember that it is a great undecency to desire of God to hear those prayers a great part of which

we do not hear ourselves; if they be not worthy of our attention they are far more unworthy of God's.

Bishop Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667).

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UNITED NATIONS ALL FAITH PRAYER FOR PEACE:

God of the measureless universe. . . Creator of men's conscience. . . to Thee in this our fervent prayer for peace, we lift our voices in unison.

We. . . people of every faith. . . of every creed. . . join together. . . pleading for truth, justice and charity among men. We pray for Thy omnipotent aid in this hour of imperiled civilization.

That Thou shalt cast out forever from human thought that flaming intolerance which makes for war and breeds bloody aggression.

That the advocates of war shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

We pray to Thee for the restoration of concord and amity among all the peoples of the earth.

That all persons recognize the liberty due religion, and for the renewal of the way of life that is fruitful of great and good works.

This, O Lord, is our fervent prayer, and this is our mingled tribute to Thy everlasting mercy. --Amen.

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Redefining Patriotism

Let not a man glory in that he loves his country; let him rather glory in this, that he loves his kind.



-- Baha'i Writings.

Hymn to the United Nations

United Nations! Hail to thee!
 Ordained to make all people free!
God grant thee strength for victory
 In every land and sky and sea!
Atlantic Charter gave thee birth!
 Now spreads thy power through all
 the earth
To banish tyranny and dearth,
 And glorify all human worth!

Four freedoms constitute thy plan,
 Without regard to ancient ban
Against his caste, or creed, or clan,
 To liberate the common man!
Let man be free to worship God!
 And free from fear of tyrant's rod!
From want, - well-housed, well-fed,
 well-shod!
By man free paths to truth be trod!

Let European, African,
 And North and South American,
Australian, every man,
 Unite in comprehensive plan,
With men of islands in the sea,
 To build the world that is to be,
Where all mankind at last is free
 And peace shall reign eternally!

Finale:

United Nations! Never cease
 To work and pray for man's release!
May God through thee bring lasting peace,
 And evermore thy strength increase!

-- Ralph S. Thorn.

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THANKSGIVING

by

Alfred Grant Walton

THANKSGIVING DAY is a time for reflection and holy remembrance. It carries us beyond the temporalities of the day and reminds us of blessings that are unaffected by passing whims of fortune. We do well to bear in mind the whole scheme of the universe which God has wrought for our advantage. He has set the sun in the heavens to give us warmth and light. He has provided the cattle upon the hillside, the fruitful trees, the ripening fields of grain. He has made our world beautiful, everywhere apparent in the wonder of mountains and rolling fields, in the rest-

fulness of wooded haunts and flowing streams, in the flow of golden sunsets and the mystery of evening stars. He has provided companionship of friends, the warmth of love and affection, and all those intimate personal satisfactions which enhance the joy of living.

Supremely He has planted faith within our hearts and given us glimpses of eternity. It is hard to realize that anyone would be insensible to these considerations, yet indifference is the danger which most seriously threatens us.

Thanksgiving Day is a time when we should bring a votive offering to the altar of God. That gift should be more than a spoken word of gratitude. It should be the whole of life dedicated to Him!

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 IN THANKSGIVING

Knowledge is the candle lighting up our mind,
 Pointing out the truths that we must seek and find.
 Guiding down the path that ignorance once blocked,
 Wisdom is the key and doors are now unlocked.
 Fact becomes the tool we use to mold our way
 On the wheel of Life we shape our Future's day.
 From the source of God's divine creative fire,
 Fact and knowledge come to lighten and inspire.
 Every day we blend our thoughts of life,
 Happiness, and love, our knowledge and our strife.
 Building in our children's hearts and lives we pray
 Attitudes of Peace, a true Thanksgiving day.

-- Zelma Dennis.

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There Is No True Patriotism Without Religion

"Who serves his country best?
Not he who, for a brief and stormy space,
Leads forth her armies to the fierce affray. . .
Not he who guides her senates in debate
And makes the laws which are her prop and stay;
There is a better way."

"He serves his country best
Who lives pure life and doeth righteous deed,
And walks straight paths, however others stray,
And leaves his sons, as uttermost bequest,
A stainless record which all men may read;
This is the better way."



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NOTICES and COMMENTS

NATIONAL PRAYER DAY. President Eisenhower proclaimed Wednesday, October 2, as National Prayer Day. He asked that "each according to his own faith" unite in "prayer and meditation on that day." The proclamation said: "In our steady drive for enduring peace among men we must always seek the aid of the Father of Mankind."

The President acted under a joint Congressional resolution of 1952, which provides that the President each year set aside a national day of prayer.

The President urged Americans to "ask for wisdom and strength" in seeking the "welfare of all peoples through a just and lasting peace across the face of the earth."

SEALS. At the suggestion of one of our advisors we had seals made, using the praying hands. We offered them first in the summer and they were received with such enthusiasm that we are now having to reorder a supply. If you would like some for use on your correspondence, kindly let us know.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Helen Dudley Young embodied the praying hands in the design of a most attractive Christmas card for Fellowship in Prayer. We shall be glad to supply the cards to any one interested. The price is \$1.00 a dozen or \$5.00 a hundred, plus postage.

NEW LITERATURE. Fellowship in Prayer now has two new leaflets available for distribution. One is a revised reprint of the history and development of the organization. The other is a folder suggesting ways in which bequests to Fellowship in Prayer may be included in a legal will. Our founder worked on this folder and had almost completed it at the time of his death. Write to Fellowship in Prayer for copies of these leaflets.

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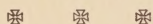
I vow to thee, my country—all earthly things above—
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love,
The love that asks no question; the love that stands the
test,

That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best:
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

But there's another country, I've heard of long ago—
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that
know—

We may not count her armies: we may not see her King—
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering—
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are
peace.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918).



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